

Help for homeless women and children

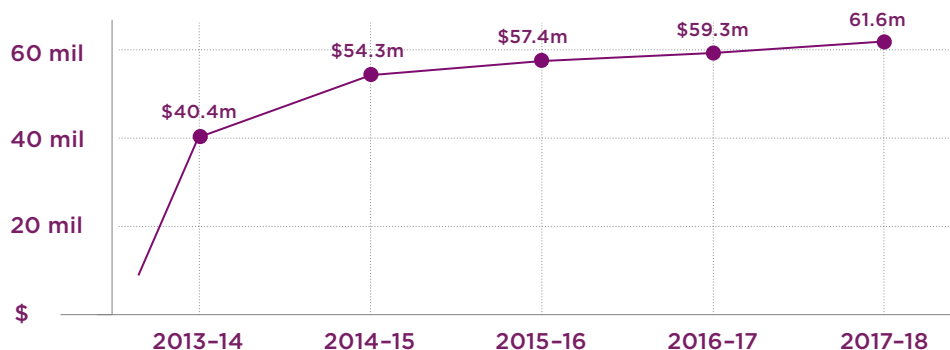
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The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) is supporting women and children in crisis through a range of service packages and accommodation initiatives, including women's refuges. These supports help women and children stay safe and transition into long-term and stable homes.



1. Funding to support women in crisis

Domestic and family violence (DFV) specific and cross-target homelessness service packages, including women's refuges.

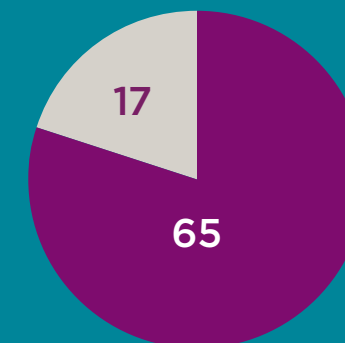
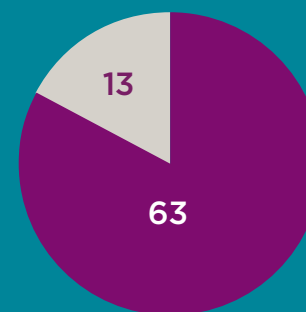


The funding amount for 2013-14 is for women's refuges only. Funding amounts identified for 2015-16 and 2016-17 include all services listed, indexation and SACS ERO.

2. Women's refuges in NSW

2014: 76 refuges pre reforms

2018: 82 refuges post reforms



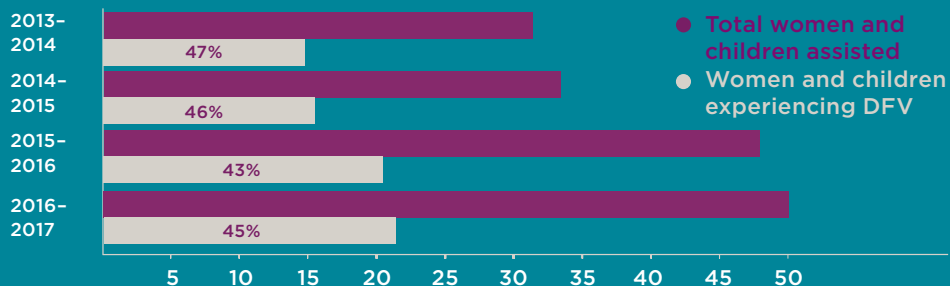
On any one night there are over 1550 beds

- Government owned refuges
- Non-government owned refuges

All refuges are funded by FACS and operated by non-government organisations.

3. Number of women and children helped

Specialist homelessness services (SHS) across NSW support women and children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including those experiencing DFV.



(Total number x 1,000)

SHS client data sourced by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). AIHW data for 2017-18 is not yet available.

4. Other domestic and family violence funded programs

In addition to the \$61.6 million shown in section 1, FACS has committed another \$46.6 million to combat domestic and family violence in 2017-18.

Program	Amount
Rent Choice Start Safely	\$25 million
NSW Domestic Violence Line	\$1.7 million
Integrated DFV Services Program	\$3.7 million
Staying Home Leaving Violence	\$6.2 million
Domestic Violence Response Enhancement*	\$10 million
TOTAL	\$46.6 million

*DVRE funding for 2017-18 allocated from 2015-16 and 2016-17 budgets.